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### A view of the churches in Cuba

The community is invited to a slide presentation and a display of the work of the churches being performed in Cuba on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1119 N.W. 12th Street.

Dr. B.J. Hampton, who served as a missionary in Cuba from 1966 until the spring of 2000 will be the speaker. Dr. Hampton was one of the first missionaries to Cuba since 1959 when Fidel Castro became dictator. The churches Dr. Hampton was associated with were in Havana and the cities and villages in the surrounding areas.

There will be a time for questions concerning the people and churches of Cuba. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Open House at Lake Shore

Lake Shore Middle School will be hosting its open House on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Parents will be able to pick up their child's progress report and meet the teachers and hear about all the new things happening at the school.

**Internet workshop offered**  
Your Library on the Internet will be presented by Jeff Rice, North Area Coordinator, at 10 a.m. in the Clarence E. Anthony Library in South Bay on Saturday, Sept. 23.

This workshop is open to the public and will explore the Palm Beach County Library Systems' web page.

Another free offering will be held Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Clarence E. Anthony Library. This presentation will show beginners how to use their computer and e-mail programs.

Introductory Internet will show a powerpoint presentation of basic internet terms and the world wide web.

Anyone interested in signing up for these workshops can call the library at 992-8393.

### Free computer classes

Parents, teachers and community members are invited to free computer classes at Pahokee High and Glades Central.

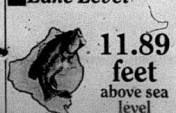
Session one at Pahokee Middle/Senior High begins Sept. 28 and continues Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Session two at Pahokee High is Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30 and Dec. 7.

At Glades Central, session one begins Sept. 25 and continues Oct. 2, 16, 23, and 30. Session two is Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4.

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## Hundleys named 'Farm Family of the Year'



The John and Patsy Hundley family of Belle Glade, owners of Hundley Farms, Inc., were named the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year by the West Palm Beach County Farm Bureau at their annual dinner meeting Tuesday night. Pictured, left to right are Eric Hopkins, Krista Hopkins, Patsy Hundley, John Hundley, Paige Hundley and Scott Hundley. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

### By Tracy Whirls

The John and Patsy Hundley family of Belle Glade, owners of Hundley Farms, Inc., were named the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year by the West Palm Beach County Farm Bureau at their annual dinner meeting Tuesday night.

In introducing the Hundleys, Farm Bureau member John Schlechter noted that the Hundley family came to the Glades area in 1935 from Kansas to pursue agricultural opportunities. He noted that the patriarch succeeded, and John Hundley, after graduating from the University of Florida, extended the family's agribusiness empire in 1969, raising vegetables, sod and sugar cane in the Glades as well as sweet corn and fresh vegetables in southern Georgia and citrus in central Florida. Hundley Farms now employs a third generation of Hundleys in their operations in Florida and Georgia, with son Scott and his wife Paige and daughter Krista Hundley Hopkins and her husband Eric Hopkins joining the operation in 1991 and 1995 respectively.

Mr. Hundley has served on the boards of directors of

South Florida Production Credit, the South Florida Water Management District, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative and Pioneer Growers. In accepting the award, Mr. Hundley told Farm Bureau members and others that even though the family's business interests often take them out of the area, "Our hearts are here, and we're very concerned with what happens in the Glades community."

The Hundley family is the 15th consecutive Everglades Agricultural Area family to receive the "Family of the Year" honors. Honorees are selected by previous years' winners, which include the Orsenigo, Wedgeworth, Schlechter, Chambliss, Hatten, Pope and other pioneering families in the Glades.

Keynote speaker and Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Maslotti told those attending the dinner that the county will enact new rules and regulations designed to be more "farm friendly" and in keeping with the state legislature's "Right to Farm Act." The county's planning and zoning departments have rewritten all the county's ordinances regarding agriculture and all of

those new regulations will be adopted into law within the next 90 days.

"You'll no longer need to ask for a building permit to build a structure used for farming," Commissioner Maslotti said, adding that county staff will no longer be allowed to interfere with operations on farms, adopting new environmental resource management rules which permit farmers to clear trees on land to be used for agriculture without special permission and will no longer require farmers to maintain "dry hydrants," adjacent to a pond or canal, for fire protection, when a simple sprinkler system can serve the same purpose at a much reduced cost.

The commissioner said the commission is working to try to redirect county assets to the areas in most dire economic need and he noted that while the proposed creation of the \$30 million Lake Okechobee Science Trail may not directly impact agriculture, it will create more jobs, thereby reducing taxes paid by farmers, and will provide employment and training opportunities to produce a better workforce from which agribusiness can draw.

## U.S. Sugar lay off rocks community

By Debra Miller

The news of the lay off at U.S. Sugar shook the city of Clewiston Friday. Over the weekend, men and women sat around on front porches and in back yards holding back tears as their children looked on. The children were unaware as how their lives would change in the next few months as their parents made plans to move them away from their schools, churches and the only friends most had ever known.

When word came down Friday from the "Big House" at U.S.

Sugar that hundreds of full-time jobs would be eliminated, most were not shocked. Workers had been waiting to see what the company would do as the price of sugar fell lower and lower.

The laid off workers, some who had worked for the company since graduating from Clewiston High School, cleaned out their trucks, shook hands and hugged other employees who held back tears and who had just missed being one of them. The men with shoulders slumped but heads held high walked out the gate, looked up to the sky and prayed to God for

the strength and courage to tell their wives and children that life as they knew it was over.

Media from both coasts arrived in Clewiston Friday trying to be the first to break the story of the lay off. Residents here already knew the lay offs were coming; they just didn't know when. Silence and gum fell over America's Sweetest Town, which could now be called "America's Bittersweet Town," over the past weekend as friends gathered at homes, maybe for the last time, to talk

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## Incumbents ousted in Belle Glade City election

By Brenda Bunting Editor

Voters gave Mayor Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson the boot at Tuesday's election and instead chose two political newcomers to take their place.

Jeff Hawkins, 40, took 62 percent of the vote, defeating Mrs. Miller, who was the city's current mayor. Mrs. Miller, 55, had served six, non-consecutive terms on the commission.

Donald Garrett, who was running against Mrs. Wilkerson and Myrna Santiago McPhee, took 62 percent of the vote to defeat both opponents. Mr. Garrett is a produce sales broker who ran a close race against current commissioner Steve Wilson last year and lost by only 46 votes. Mrs. McPhee, who did very little campaigning, garnered only 23 votes.

This contentious election brought 41 percent of the registered voters, the highest percentage seen in many years, according to City Clerk Debra Buff. "This was the highest voter turnout I have seen since I've been here," said Ms. Buff.

Voters were also asked to decide whether commissioners



Jeff Hawkins Don Garrett

### Election results

#### Seat A

Jeff Hawkins 1,530; 62 percent  
Harma Miller 927; 38 percent of the vote

#### Seat B

Donald Garrett 1,507; 62 percent of the vote  
Myrna Santiago McPhee 23 votes; 1 percent of the vote  
Mary Ross Wilkerson 302 votes; 37 percent of the vote

#### Belle Glade Referendum

Extend commission terms to four years? Yes, 912; 42 percent of the vote  
No, 1,281; 58 percent of the vote

should continue to serve two year terms or extend that to four year terms. This was a referendum.

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## Smith picked as top city manager candidate

By Brenda Bunting Editor

Former Riviera Beach City Manager Tony Smith has been tapped as the next city manager for the City of Belle Glade. Mr. Smith, 51, was chosen over six other candidates for the position during a special meeting held last week at city hall.

Mayor Harma Miller said negotiations will begin with Mr. Smith as soon as possible so the city can get him on board. Handling the negotiations will be the mayor, Finance Director Dave Wood and City Attorney Charles Schoech.

Mr. Wood has been the acting city manager since the beginning

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## Belle Glade residents to see small increase on tax bill

By Brenda Bunting Editor

When Belle Glade residents get their tax bill in November they will see a slight increase in the amount they pay in city taxes.

City Finance Director Dave Wood said the commission has set the same millage rate as in years past at 8.98 percent, but because home values have increased in the town, most residents will pay a higher bill.

"Unless they added value to their homes, it won't be much," said Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood says the average homeowner will see a less than five percent increase.

The city will see a tax increase of 7.5 percent, but most of that extra money will come from Glades General Hospital, which will go on the tax rolls for the first time this year. The hospital, which has a value of \$4.9 million, was a not-for-profit hospital until it was purchased by Providence two years ago. It is

expected to add \$44,000 to the city's tax rolls.

For a homeowner with a home valued at \$75,000, and with a \$25,000 homestead exemption, this will mean a city tax bill of about \$450.

The average property value in Belle Glade increased 8.2 percent, but most homeowners will not pay for much of that added value because the law, through the Save Our Homes initiative, allows increases of no more than 2.7 percent a year.

Each resident's tax bill will also include taxes for the Palm Beach County School Board, and the county or other taxing districts, including library taxes.

Mr. Wood said the final hearing on the millage rate will be Sept. 20 at city hall. He said the city expects to receive about \$2,002 million in tax revenue, but they are only allowed to budget 95 percent of that, for a total of \$1,922 million.

## Rep. Greene visits Pahokee, promises to serve entire county

By Tracy Whirls

Outgoing District 84, State Representative Addie Greene visited the Pahokee Commission before their budget hearing Sept. 11 and presented the city with three FRDP grant checks totalling more than \$275,000. Ms. Greene, who was forced to leave the legislature due to term limits, assured the commission and Pahokee residents that she will continue to work for the Glades as the newly elected Palm Beach County Commissioner for District 7.

Before presenting the commission with the ceremonial checks from the state legislature, Ms. Greene thanked Pahokee residents for their support during her tenure in office.

"First, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past six years. There are some people here the community needs to know how they helped and ways I had my back," Ms. Greene said, thanking her, leg-

islative assistant James Harper, and Pahokee resident Diane Walker who runs an office for the representative at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, as well as Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Director Alice Thompson who was instrumental in setting up the district office.

"I would like to also thank our farmers out here because, when I first asked the speaker to put an office out here, you know we're not supposed to have an office, he said no. I asked him to send one of his staff persons down, she came. She told me when she got off the plane I only have an hour. So we got police escorts. They brought me out here, and they sent her back with crates of corn," Ms. Greene remembered.

"When they got back to Tallahassee, you all made the speaker feel so warm, he picked up the phone a couple of days later to call us back and said,



Outgoing District 84 State Representative Addie Greene presented the City of Pahokee with two FRDP grant checks including \$112,500 for improvements at the Pahokee Campground and \$112,500 for Martin Luther King Park. Mayor Roy Singletary noted that with the \$50,000 from the Palm Beach County Commission, the city has received a total of \$162,000 dollars for Martin Luther King Park. The funds will be used to install lights at the park and upgrade playground equipment. Pictured, front row left to right, Mayor Roy L. Singletary, Rep. Greene, Legislative Assistant James Harper, Jr. Back row, from left, Legislative Assistant Diane Walker, Vice Mayor Henry Crawford, Commissioner Hugh Branch and Commissioner Pete Moore. Photo by Jose Jesus Zaragoza.

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## Sugar

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about the past and decide what to do about the future.

On Friday, U.S. Sugar announced the lay off of 217 full-time employees and 111 seasonal employees. The hardest hit was the agricultural department in which 119 employees lost their jobs. From the Agricultural Equipment Shop (AES), 33 people lost jobs; from the Engineering department, 24; and from management, 41. Salaried employees were laid off.

Recently U.S. Sugar hired Booz Allen and Hamilton, a private management and technology consulting company based in McLean, Virginia. They concluded that U.S. Sugar had been farming much more intensively than needed and that they company did "more things, more often, with more people than other cane operations - both locally and worldwide." The recommendation was that they continue only those functions that add value, with only the required number of people and equipment.

out irregularities and the vote will not be official until they finish that."

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Mr. Hawkins, who owns two

and refining Executive Vice President Robert Baker will manage citrus operations, including Southern Gardens groves and citrus processing facilities.

The company consolidated many departments and as a result whole departments were eliminated causing many of the full-time positions to be cut.

"Reorganizing functions and reporting lines will make more efficient use of both personnel and equipment," said Mr. Dolson. "This also provides more focused management, quicker decisions, more feedback and better communications in each primary business unit."

Mr. Dolson said the huge influx of foreign imports and the lowest sugar prices in 25 years made the cuts necessary. Prices for domestic sugar contracts closed last week at 18.6 cents a pound and according to growers they need at least 19.5 cents to break even.

businesses in town. Bulls Eye Pawn & Gun and Affordable Dry Cleaners, said, "I would like to extend my thanks to all of the citizens of Belle Glade for their vote of confidence in me. I think the message was sent that it is time for some changes to be made."

Mr. Garrett said, "I want to thank every citizen in Belle Glade for putting their trust in me. I will serve you with honor, dignity and integrity. I want to make every citizen be a part in this city and I ask

everyone to come and work with me to make Belle Glade a perfect place to live."

The new commissioners would normally be sworn in at the next city commission meeting which is set for Sept. 18, but since the incumbents have filed to have an election investigated, it may be delayed. "Hopefully, this will be resolved quickly," said Mr. Buff.

The new commissioners will take office on Oct. 1.

However, they are still out of work for the first time in many years. They still will have hard choices to make as to how they will be able to stay in Clewiston without a job at U.S. Sugar.

As families sat around discussing their problems over the weekend, one worker, who did not get laid off, said, "It was very hard on workers who remain."

"These people are our friends and have been for years," said the worker. "Almost every one of my friends were laid off. They have families and kids in college, mortgages on homes they have sacrificed their lives for. What are they going to do now? What is Clewiston going to do? People always tell you to stay in town and don't leave. Well, we stayed and now look, we are all in our 40s and have to start over somewhere else. I feel sorry for them and it still wonder if it is over yet. Some are saying there will be another 300 laid off before the mill opens. It never ends."

Most workers don't blame the company for their loss of jobs.

Rehearsals are beginning soon. Call 992-9500 to sign up. There is a new script with lots of parts and various jobs are available for anyone who wishes to help, including acting, making costumes, singing, selling tickets, building the set, preparing food for the cast and crew.

Call Sandy at 992-9500 or Leigh at 992-6160 for more information or to volunteer.

### Free concert at Dolly Hand

The Florida Philharmonic will perform in a free concert at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. For complimentary tickets call 992-6160 or 992-6161. The concert is by reserved seating only.

### SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Taber Baptist Church, Miami; Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

For more information, please contact SHIP coordinator Alyx Schaffer at (954) 467-4747.

Free HIV tests will be given at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey; at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Care Center and at 136 South Main Street, SR 80 in Belle Glade, courtesy of the Comprehensive AIDS Program. Refreshments will be provided at all three sites courtesy of the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

### Reading Challenge

Reading is its own reward but during National Library Card Sign Up Month in September, there's extra incentive for young readers.

The Eighth Annual McDonalds Reading Challenge. With support from the Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast county libraries, the Reading Challenge encourages children in grades K-5 to visit the libraries throughout the month of September. Children who sign up

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of July when Shelton Smith resigned to serve as city manager. In Dothan, Ala. Mr. Smith had only been on the job 16 months before leaving to take the job in Dothan.

Tony Smith was the manager of Riviera Beach from 1990 until 1993, when commissioners decided to renew his contract. He was responsible for the day-to-day business of the city, which had 420 employees in the city. Riviera Beach has a population of about 30,000.

Riviera Beach City Clerk Carrie Ward, when asked for Mr. Smith's final performance evaluation, said the city commission did not do an official evaluation of Mr. Smith before he was let go in 1993. She did say she feels Mr. Smith will be an asset to the City of Belle Glade. "He will make you

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"You can have anything you want."

Ms. Greene said she is proud to have been able to impact education and training in the Glades, particularly local youth like Mr. Harper who hopes to follow in her footsteps.

She also promised to continue to support the Glades area as a Palm Beach County Commissioner.

"Nothing can be done out here

unless we work together. And I want to say saying this, I tried it as a state legislator, it didn't work, and I'm going to try it as a county commissioner," she said.

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negotiations fall through with Mr. Smith, commissioners agreed to negotiate with two other candidates, Edward Lowery and Vincent Mancusi Jr., who tied for second place.

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Registration and snacks are offered the first night at 6 p.m. and classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Bus transportation and child care are also offered.

Call the Technology Literacy challenge Fund Office to register. Those telephone numbers are 924-6419 or 924-3165.

### CPR and First Aid Course offered

The American Red Cross, Glades Area Branch, is holding a CPR and First Aid Course on Saturday, Sept. 16. The course will be offered at the Red Cross office, located at 195 U.S. Highway 27 South in South Bay.

The certification course gives participants a one year certification in CPR and a three year certification in First Aid.

For the time and more information contact the Glades Area Branch, the American Red Cross at 992-9703.

### Trinity Celebration

Members of Harvest A.M.E. Church, 825 Larrimore Road, Pahokee are holding Trinity Celebration during the month of September.

The G. A. N. G. (God's Anointed New Generation) will host a Youth Choir Anniversary on Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. and the Voices of Harvest will have an open service on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. and again on Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Pastor Appreciation Day is Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. The Men's Fellowship Annual Celebration will be held Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. Rev. Patricia S. Wallace invites the community to attend these events.

### School Advisory Council Meeting

The faculty, staff and students of Pahokee Elementary invite parents, community members and leaders to their first Student Advisory Council meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

For more information, please contact Mrs. DeVito at 924-6466.

### Free college tuition

The Take Stock in Children program provides free college tuition for qualified Seventh Grade students at Lake Shore Middle School and Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Parents who have participated

in the AFDC or WAGES program in the past four years and have a child in the seventh grade at one of these two schools and meetings of the financial guidelines can qualify for the free tuition for their child.

Students must commit to maintaining a "C" average, have good behavior, say no to crime and drugs and have a good attendance record.

Applications are available in the school guidance departments. For more information, call Gwenette Royals at the Communities in Schools at 992-7545 or the CIS office in Lake Worth at (561) 582-0820.

### Date change

The Lupus Foundation has a new meeting date for the Glades Area Lupus Support Group.

Beginning this month, the group will meet the second Saturday of each month. The meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Glades General Hospital.

Lupus is an autoimmune disease that affects more than 5 million Americans. There is no cure, however, treatment is available. Those who attend the meetings will find a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which to share feelings and learn more about lupus. The group meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 1-800-339-0586.

### Political Forum

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a political forum on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, 300 S.E. Avenue E, Belle Glade.

The event will begin with a barbecue fundraiser at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. The candidates will speak beginning at 7:30 p.m. Moderator for the event is Channel 5 TV News Anchor Tania Rogers.

For tickets or more information, call the Chamber at 992-2745.

### Bingo at Elks Club

The Pahokee Elks Lodge, #1638 is offering bingo games for the community every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Lodge, located at 681 East Main Street.

Anyone interested can call the Lodge after 4 p.m. for more details at 924-7277.

### Pot Luck in the Muck

The Potluck Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the next Pot Luck in the Muck performances, which are scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24.

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# Proper nutrition is always important

Every time a hurricane is headed our way, I notice some shoppers seem to be lost. They wander the supermarket aisles, eyes glazed over, not quite sure what to buy.

The emergency management folks usually say to stock up on enough non-perishable food and bottled water to last your family about four or five days. After that time, the stores should be open again or some help should have arrived.

Start with water. Humans can live for days without food, but can dehydrate pretty quickly if they don't have water.

What kind of water? That seems like a strange question, but in this day of "designer" water, a shopper is faced with a multitude of choices.

First, there is your basic tap water. If you wash old plastic jugs and save them up, you can simply turn on the tap and fill them up. Of course, that method is not ideal, but it is certainly drink your tap water.

Many people in South Florida don't. I personally do not drink the tap water. I have a well and while the water has been tested and shown to be safe to drink, I still don't quite trust it. I buy bottled water to drink and to cook with.

If you do store tap water, don't store it too long.

There can be bacteria in the water that come from the pipes or from the jugs and this bacteria can grow over time. If a hurricane is headed this way, you would advise cleaning any refilling, all containers used to store water.

If you buy bottled water, it should be sealed and safe, so you can store it for a long time. I buy bottled water for my family anyway, I just keep more on hand during hurricane season and cycle it through, using the oldest jugs of water first.

Choosing a brand and type of bottled water is an individual decision. There is a difference between distilled water and purified water. Distilled water has been turned into steam and then

## Healthy Living

with Katrina Eiken

condensed, so that any impurities are left behind. Purified water has been put through some kind of filtration system to take out impurities.

There are many different brands of "designer" water and some people prefer one over another. That's an individual choice. I have picked up one bit of interesting information. Water that is bottled out of state and shipped must pass more inspections than water that is sold in the state where it is bottled.

It has to do with interstate commerce laws.

How much water do you need? Most of the health and nutrition books I have read state you should drink eight glasses of water per day. So that's one gallon of water per person per day. Some people who work (or play) outside in the Florida heat need even more water than that.

I personally tested 15 gallons per person for my own family.

Next on the hurricane supply shopping list is canned goods that do not need cooking.

We are assuming that following a hurricane there might not be any electricity with means no refrigeration and no way to heat food. I generally only buy foods I know my family will eat anyway. For example, I stock up on single-serving cans of fruit packed in juice. If the hurricane goes the other way, I'll use it to pack lunches. There are all sorts of single-serving foods marketed for school lunches.

Single-serving fruit juice drinks and vegetable juice drinks are also nice to have on hand. There are even some pudding

things that don't need refrigeration, but read the labels if anyone in your family has food sensitivities because they may be full of preservatives.

Dried fruit is another healthy choice that won't spoil.

Peanut butter is a necessity at my house anyway. When a hurricane is coming, I make sure I have an extra jar or two. Peanut butter is high in protein and doesn't need refrigeration.

I also make sure I have plenty of crackers on hand.

Bread spoils a lot faster than crackers.

During a hurricane scare last year I discovered my kids actually like certain brands of Vienna sausages, so those go on my hurricane list too. For myself and my husband, I add some small cans of tuna.

If there's a baby in the house, powdered formula comes in handy. You might not be able to keep milk or formula refrigerated, and with the powdered kind you can mix up one bottle at a time.

If your family normally eats cookies and candy, it wouldn't hurt to have some on hand. Sugar is a natural preservative so sweets aren't likely to spoil.

I also buy tea bags. Even if I can't boil water, I can make sun tea.

There are a lot of canned foods, such as soups, that are precooked and just need warming.

I put some of these on my list as well, sticking to items I know my family will eat even if they are not hit by a hurricane. There are plenty of ways to warm food, even if you have to build a small camp fire. If the food is pre-cooked, you won't have to worry about heating it to a certain temperature for safety.

I also stock up on charcoal. I figure that if a hurricane comes and the electricity goes off long enough to have to meat in the freezer, then we can fire up the grill and invite all the neighbors over for a post-storm barbecue.

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# Everything into the mouths of babes

By Arien R. Stauffer, MD

"Brandy! No!"

It seemed like Brandy's mother was saying "no" to her three-year-old daughter a thousand times a day. This time, she really meant it.

"Don't!"

Everything seemed to be in slow motion as the little hand with a shiny coin moved into the mouth. Mom couldn't get there fast enough.

Brandy coughed twice, then looked up and smiled at her wide-eyed mother.

Brandy was rolling the pendant on Mom's necklace around her tiny fingers when the two burst through the ER doors. Mom was so frantic that she could barely speak.

Linda, the emergency nurse working the triage desk today, saw the look in Mom's eyes and immediately turned her attention to the young child in her arms.

As Linda made note of the easy breathing pattern and bright eyes of Brandy, Mom, still her voice and hands trembling, tried to talk.

"She swallowed... I think she's choking. She coughed!" Linda took a willing Brandy from Mom's arms and placed her comfortably on her own knee. Brandy looked up and smiled.

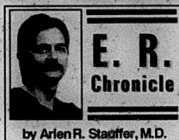
The nurse put a calm hand on Mom's shoulder and looked her right in the eyes. The incoherent babbling stopped. Linda looked back at the child, who remained completely unconcerned.

Now, tell me what happened," Linda said in a soft voice. She was taking Brandy's pulse rate as she kept the other hand on Mom.

Linda she swallowed a coin from the floor!" It was Mom's first complete sentence.

Linda continued holding Brandy, who now was toying with the stethoscope around her neck. She asked a few more questions, and her unruffled appearance succeeded in producing a more composed mother.

"Mom," Linda said in her



most reassuring tone. "This happens with kids all the time. She looks great now, but we'll check her out just to make sure. I'll let the doctor know."

They moved into ER Room 14, and Linda sat Brandy back onto Mom's lap.

By the time emergency physician Tanny Cortez entered the room a few minutes later, Mom appeared more relaxed, but kept a worried look on her face.

After introductions and a few more questions, Cortez placed a cooperative Brandy onto the stretcher.

She checked in her throat, felt her neck, and listened to her lungs.

"She looks great right now. We'll take an X-ray to see just where it is. She's doing fine, don't worry," she said as she patted Mom on the shoulder.

After a quick trip across the hall for the X-ray, Cortez returned to the room with the film.

Mom's eyes widened a little in anticipation.

"This looks fine. It's a small coin, probably a dime," Cortez sounded very encouraging. "It should pass within a day or two. These are really not expected to give her any problems."

"Won't she choke?" Mom asked.

Cortez sat down on the stretcher near Mom.

"No. It's no problem." She went on to explain that this coin went down Brandy's esophagus and right into her stomach, and did not get into her trachea or lungs at all.

Cortez then took the opportunity to remind Mom about the dangers of small objects that are within reach of a young

child.

"They put everything in their little mouths, don't they?"

She went on to discuss the common poisons that children the age of Brandy often ingest.

"It's a good idea to check around the house," Cortez said in a helpful, not accusatory, tone. "When you get home, check in every cupboard, and on every shelf. Even look in the garage for anything within reach."

Mom nodded. This was her first child, and she really had never thought about these things.

"And remember," Cortez added as she walked past the curtain out of the room. "Kids have a way of climbing up to things that you would never think they could reach."

"Thanks, Doc."

Mom was finally completely composed. She carried Brandy toward their car. She had a determined look on her face, with a mission to accomplish when she got home. She didn't want to go through anything like this again.

Ingestion of foreign objects by children is a problem seen commonly in ERs. These children are usually less than five years of age, and such ingestions may involve literally anything that is small enough to fit into their mouths.

If an object enters the trachea, it can, of course, obstruct the airway and lead to asphyxiation. Some swallowed objects may be poisonous or corrosive.

Objects like coins are swallowed quite commonly. Depending on the size of the coin and the size of the child's esophagus, the coin will either enter the stomach or become lodged in the esophagus.

Coins smaller than quarters usually will pass all the way through the gastrointestinal tract of these children without incident. Larger coins that lodge in the esophagus must be removed.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. [www.fceep.org](http://www.fceep.org)

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(NAPS). The sooner, the better. That advice may help many women prevent, or reduce the onset of osteoporosis later in life. A recent study suggests that many women can benefit significantly from early treatment of osteoporosis, and that a weekly advice cleaning and refilling, all containers used to store water.

The results suggest that women begin experiencing bone loss earlier than previously believed, even before menopause, during the perimenopausal stage," says Lila Nachtigall, MD, a leading authority on women's health and professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at New York University School of Medicine.

Perimenopause refers to the gradual period of change leading up to the final onset of menopause. During this stage, estrogen production slows and the ovaries stop the regular production of eggs. As estrogen levels decline, trabecular bone, the

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## Direct marketing of veggies helps consumers and farmers

"Conventional wisdom holds that buying produce at a farmers' market is better than getting it from the grocery store," says Swisher, a University of Florida agriculture expert says that's true—for consumers and growers alike.

Consumers win because they can purchase fresher vegetables at a lower cost than they could at the supermarket, said Micki Swisher, an associate professor of sustainable agriculture with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The plus for farmers is that they can get a better price for their produce than when they can when they sell through grocery stores, she said.

One of the main problems

that small farmers have is how to sell what they grow and make money selling what they grow," said Swisher. "Farmers' markets are a good way to do that."

"And farmers' markets are good for consumers because they're a great source of a wide variety of locally grown, really fresh food," she said.

The markets, usually set up in a central location in the community, feature area farmers selling their bounty from tables or directly from the back of their pickup trucks. Swisher said the

markets are a good option for operators of small farms that normally can't meet the needs of most grocery stores.

Swisher said the United States Department of Agriculture classifies a small farm as one with annual sales of less than \$250,000.

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## MISSING DOG

Adrian "Big A" Vereen would, like your assistance in locating his pet female Rottweiler, Bear, who disappeared the evening of September 7 near the brick house at the corner of NW 14th St. & Canal St. If you have seen or are sheltering Bear, please call "Big A" at 992-4000 (w) or 996-3918 (h). Thank you.

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## Community Focus

### Speak Out

Speak out is our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-9636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

#### Political debate resound

As a long time resident of Belle Glade, I am appalled at the many statements and allegations that came out in the GCDC political debate on August 31. I thought this organization was supposed to help the community and be impartial and unbiased, not take sides in political campaigns.

How can the board members of this organization sit back and let this travesty occur? The son of one of the candidates, who is also an employee of GCDC, wrote very misleading questions and statements that insinuated wrongdoing on the part of Chief Miller.

How can we as citizens let the incumbents make an issue out of Chief Miller doing his job as he has done for many years - fairly and impartially? Could it be that these are personal issues for them? That they have a vested interest. What other happens at the Bonaventure? That maybe their family members can't make money if the Bonaventure isn't allowed to bring in adult entertainment?

Anyone who has read in Belle Glade for any time knows that Chief Miller is a very ethical and moral person who enforces the law impartially and with the best interest of all citizens in mind. He has an open door policy that allows citizens to talk to him at any time, even if it interferes with his personal time. What other employee or elected official in the City of Belle Glade is this accessible? None that I have found.

I am very sorry to see that the incumbents are the ones making issues out of nonissues (as one candidate inferred in her flyer about her opponent). The candidates should stand on the issues and not use Chief Miller and the Police Department as a scapegoat.

#### Here's the truth

Doesn't anybody want to know the truth about what Chief Miller and the Belle Glade Police Department are getting such a hard time from some members of the Belle Glade City Commission for trying to enforce the law at Bonaventure?

Could it be because Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson's son and daughter-in-law are deeply involved in managing the club and the entertainment?

And if what I hear is true, the mayor may also have a family related conflict of interest. The Sun needs to print the truth and print it now.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** These *Speak Outs* came in this week and will be running after the election. The Sun has addressed the fact that Mrs. Miller's son, Heath, is an entertainment promoter and has booked acts at Bonaventure. Mrs. Miller stated on the record she feels this is not a conflict of interest for her to vote on issues involving adult entertainment. That decision, along with voting on this issue, by Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson, would be a call best made by City Attorney Charles Schoech.

#### Kids will be kids

"Kids are going to be kids and, when you are rude to them, every time that kids see you're not going to have respect for you. They're not going to respect you. You expect to get respect from that kid? It's plain sickening the way some people talk to them. That's one reason why we have a lot of negativity here in Belle Glade, because we have some people who talk down to children."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This *Speak Out* was edited. I encourage the caller to contact authorities if he has specific complaints.

#### Reaching out

There is group of individuals in our community, as well as others, who have made a contribution in making a difference in people's lives. They have not only made a difference in people's lives, they have made a difference in our society. By choice, these people have made changes in individuals' lives who were down on their luck, weak, needed someone to turn to or more or less believed their lives had no meaning.

Often, people find themselves in a place in their lives when they're weak in spirit for whatever reason: a broken marriage, dysfunctional home life, lack of acceptance, or most of all, lack of love. There are a group of people who have an answer for those who are in despair. They have a solution for them, a solution that has been accepted for many years with no results, with exception to pain, false friendship, promise of security, which is empty, addition, and in most cases, death. This group of people reach out their hand to those in need. They reach out their hand with drugs, mainly with crack cocaine.

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I live in Belle Glade. I would like to register a complaint about the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Dept. I was visiting a friend at Palms West Hospital, last Wednesday and my car was stolen somewhere between ten and 11 o'clock. I called the Sheriff's department just a few minutes after 12. The dispatcher advised me that they would have an officer over to see me, stand out in front of the hospital. At 2:45 I called the Sheriff's department again and I advised him that I hadn't seen an officer. She said to wait there and she'd get one to me.

I called again at 3:25 p.m. and an officer finally arrived at four p.m., after I had stood outside the hospital for four solid hours. I called the next day to register a complaint and I got to talk to the second man in charge. He said he would find out what happened and he would call me back.

The next morning he called me back and gave me the excuse that they had hired a new dispatcher and she didn't want to lose anybody what was going on because she didn't want to bother anybody. I think it's an awful lot of time, 4 hours, for someone to wait outside a hospital where many Sheriff deputies as we have. I am very, very disgusted with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

Joe Scott  
Belle Glade

### Gove Elementary

#### Cat Talk

#### Welcome back

Welcome to a new year at Gove Elementary School. We sincerely hope this school year will be an enjoyable one. We look forward to a year filled with learning and growth as we prepare our students for a "Bright Future." As always, we have been working very hard in preparing exciting and challenging activities for our students. Our mission is to give our students the best of all of our educational needs of all of our students.

As many of you have either read or heard, our school made tremendous gains in all areas of the FEAT as compared to last school year. In reading, our scores went from 45 percent to 76 percent. In math, we scored at the 76 percent; a 20 points difference from last year's 56 percent. In writing, we also improved. Our scores went from 50 percent to 77 percent. We are very proud of our accomplishments and hope to continue to strive to meet the expectations of our site and our district.

Once again, we encourage all parents, as well as the community, to get involved in the education of our children. We are hopeful that with your assistance and support, the students at Gove Elementary will soar to great heights. Please do not hesitate, call today if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a business partner. Together, we can make a difference and make this year one of the very best!

#### School uniforms

As a reminder that our school has a mandatory uniform policy. The Gove Elementary emblem or the Gove Cat are the only logos and designs accepted on the clothing. Please encourage your child to wear his uniform daily. For your convenience,

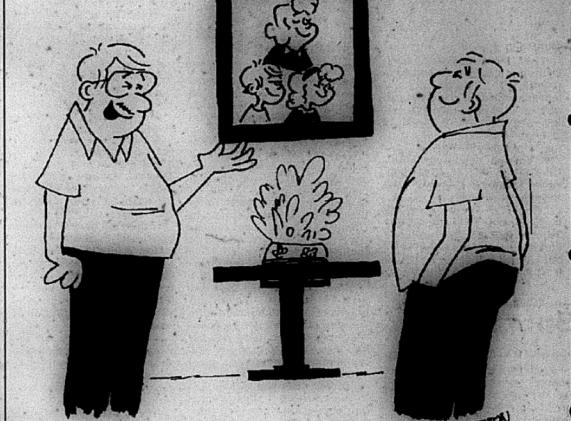
### Veggies

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"Some grocery stores do buy some local produce, but it depends on the location and the store," said Koenig. "The fact is, most grocery stores buy their produce in very large amounts and they buy through a central purchasing point," said Koenig.

Since small farm owners generally are shut out of the larger markets, Swisher said, they are left trying to find new ways to get their products directly into the hands of the consumers. Traditional methods include farmers' markets, roadside stands and roadside produce stands.

But another method of putting farmer and consumer together is beginning to gain in popularity. Called either community supported agriculture or subscription farming, the method allows farmers to "pay" a farmer in advance for up to a year's worth of produce. The practice was first developed in Switzerland and Japan in



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#### Take charge of education

Our school is also participating in the "Take Charge of Education Program" sponsored by Target stores. This program will donate 1 percent of all Target Guest Card purchases to our school. Parents, grandparents and friends can help us all by applying for a Target Guest Card next time you visit a Target store or by obtaining an application form from our Family Center. Just remember to designate Gove Elementary School on your application so that our school can receive 1 percent of the total of your purchases. If you already have a Target Guest Card, you can call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. Remember to include the school's address and phone number. Please consider participating in this fundraising program to benefit our school.

#### Family Center update

We take advantage of all the resources our Family Center has to offer. Books, tape recorders, games, videos, and magazines in both English and Spanish are a few of the items available for parents to check out. The Family Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Migrant families in

need of assistance may see the social worker in the Family Center. Her hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. daily.

#### Safety Patrol Installation

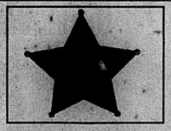
Approximately 45 fifth graders were installed into the 2000-01 Safety Patrol Squad. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the media center. Lieutenant Dan Christ, of the Belle Glade Police Department, was the guest speaker. The purpose of the program is to develop a sense of responsibility at an early age. The students were recommended by their teachers for displaying qualities of leadership, reliability, good citizenship and good grades. Grades and behavior will be monitored throughout the year. The patrols will be sponsoring several fund raisers to help defray the cost of their annual trip to Washington, D.C. Hope we can count on your support. Congratulations to the following students: Austin Boyd, Ronnie Bustos, Jessica Bryant, Emily Cardenas, Cameron Castro, Michael Cayson, Judy Chaney, Kayla Collier, Stevie Courson, Dori Crosby, Alie Delgado, Christopher Desosar, Rachad Derrick, Angel Escobedo, Ashley Felner, Blanca Garcia, Amelia Gutierrez, Kandice Hedrick, Joshua Huston, Richard Johnson, Javarris Johnson, Samantha King, Janine Machado, Lucia Martinez, Oscar Martinez, Erin McCarthy, Rosendo Mendoza, Katelyn Miller, Crista Monroy, Rigoberto Moreno, Mahir Murshed, Jamie Olivia, Cynthia Orsengio, Ramon Pacheco, E.L. Pope, Zola River, Viviana Vera, Jorge Vergel, Leonardo Vital, Alex Williams, Susan Zavala, and Abern Zayas.

#### Planet Patrol

The "Planet Patrol," sponsored by Mrs. Zavala's and Mrs. Black's classes, will once again begin the paper recycling program at our school. The students have delivered plastic recycling bins to each home. The program is to develop our specialty or niche and offer the consumer something—be it freshness or better price or organically grown vegetables—that may not be available at the food stores," Koenig said. Swisher also said small farms provide important services to their communities in terms of food production and environmental stewardship. "A lot of the land on the fringes of our communities is in small farms," Swisher said. "The farms are producing green space for us. When farmers use good management practices, they protect the quality of the water that goes into the aquifer and they provide habitat for wildlife." Swisher said small farms hold about 15 percent of the total farmland in Florida. 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# Arrest Blotter



## Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 611 complaints, gave 38 traffic citations and made 24 arrests the week of Sept. 4-10. Those arrested included:

Sept. 4 - Carl Green, 37, unlawful consumption of alcohol; Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Carlos Demard, 30, strong arm robbery; Elmer Camacho, 40, two counts of failure to appear on charges of aggravated stalking and order of commitment; Tansara Gilbert, 39, opposing and obstructing an officer without violence; Juvenile, 17, battery; Annette Delgado, 20, bat-

tery. Sept. 5 - Richard Davis, 29, violation of probation; Bobby Lee Lewis, 45, strong arm robbery and grand theft; Shahmohammed Abdullah, 45, aggravated assault with a firearm and shooting into an occupied vehicle.

Sept. 6 - James Henry Wheeler, 61, aggravated assault with a firearm; William Moore Jr., 37, loitering and prowling and opposing and obstructing without violence; Patrick Leonard, 38, escape; Willie B. Freeman, 19, domestic assault. Sept. 7 - Lamar Jean-Pierre, 36, failure to sign or

accept a citation.

Sept. 8 - Juvenile, 16, opposing and obstructing a police officer; Zablen Caple, 40, burglary and petty theft.

Sept. 9 - Lorraine Johnson, 34, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Jeron Selley, 37, aggravated battery and criminal mischief; Willie Ball Jr., 52, aggravated battery and criminal mischief; Willie Ivory, 40, trespassing after warning.

Sept. 10 - Omecia Funderburke, 19, aggravated domestic battery; Jean Pearl, 29, aggravated domestic assault; Coll Collins, 90, failure to appear on charges of violation of driving restrictions.

## Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 154 calls, August 5 traffic citations and made eight arrests the week of Sept. 4-10. Those arrested included:

Sept. 1 - Julia Williams, 40, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and criminal mischief; Kevane Lewis, 18, felony bat-

tery. Sept. 5 - Nathaniel Ivory, 25, kidnapping, discharging a firearm from a moving vehicle and aggravated assault; Marvin Robinson, 42, kidnapping and conspiracy.

Sept. 6 - No arrests made. Sept. 7 - Raymond Seymour, 38, domestic battery.

Sept. 8 - No arrests made. Sept. 9 - Juvenile, 13, pick up order; Miguel Nunez 27, possession of cocaine.

Sept. 10 - Tevis Lawler, 22, obstructing and opposing a police officer.

## Sheriff's office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 13 arrests August 30-Sept. 10. Those arrested included:

August 30 - Kevin Lee Tomlin, 34, Pahokee, DUI. Aug. 31 - No arrests. Sept. 1 - No arrests. Sept. 2 - Joyce Ann Ricketts,

34, Belle Glade, domestic battery, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Anthony Johnson, 22, Pahokee, domestic battery; Maynor Randi Escobar, 28, Belle Glade, felony habitual traffic offender driving while license suspended. Sept. 3 - Juvenile, 16, Pahokee, failure to appear; Alejandro Cruz, Sr., 47, Lake Worth, domestic aggravated assault with a firearm, shooting into an occupied vehicle, use of firearm under the influence of alcohol. Sept. 4 - Alfred Bender, 42, Riviera Beach, possession of

cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Sept. 8 - Nelson Jones, 36, Pahokee, domestic battery. Sept. 7 - No arrests. Sept. 8 - Louis Robinson, 24, West Palm Beach, violation of no contact order; Brandon Golden, 18, at large, battery on a law enforcement officer. Sept. 9 - Letavien Jaquell Ford, 20, South Bay, failure to appear; retail theft. Sept. 10 - Claude E. Brown, 40, Belle Glade, petty theft, trespassing; Juvenile, 15, Belle Glade, aggravated battery on pregnant female.

## Spots

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for a valid library card or show proof of a library card will receive free McDonald's food on each of three visits. Common to many of the challenge cards qualify children for a prize drawing, including gift certificates to Target stores, Museum gift packs and dictionaries from Houghton Mifflin Publishing. Over 10,000 children throughout Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast participated in the McDonald's Reading Challenge program last year. McDonald's launched the program as a way to encourage kids to discover all the library has to offer. It is a natural extension of McDonald's continued commitment to education and family issues, supported in the Palm Beach County market by McDonald's owners/operators Jim Booth, Keith Melton, Steve Nesbit and Paul Raffa. Library systems in Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie counties are participating in the program. Many libraries in the Palm Beach County area. Ronald McDonald will be making appearances at selected locations.

## Girl Scouts seeking adult volunteers

On any given day, you might find Girl Scouts building homes or, in the home, visiting nursing home residents, playing tennis or soccer, learning to protect the environment, or canoeing down the Loxahatchee River. Girl Scouts can do anything, but without volunteer leadership, they discover the challenges of the real world. Working in partnership with these committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own self-worth.

Girl Scouts of Palm Glades Council, Inc., a United Way agency, is looking for adult volunteers to serve as troop leaders and in other leadership roles. The time commitment and the hours are flexible, and training is provided. You don't have a daughter in Girl Scouts in order to get involved—you just have to want to help girls grow strong.

For more information about Girl Scouting and how you can get involved, call the Girl Scouts at (561) 582-5326 or (800) 432-453, or visit our Website at [www.palmdgsc.org](http://www.palmdgsc.org).

## Alzheimer's support group

If you have a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, you know first-hand the difficulties that arise when looking for compassionate support in the community.

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For more information, please call Alzheimer's Community Care Specialized Day Care in Pahokee at 561-924-7283 and ask for Lynette Wiseman, Program Manager. The Alzheimer's Community Care Association is proud to be participating agency of the United Way of Palm and Martin Counties.

## Crime Stoppers

### Lawrence S. Butler

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Lawrence S. Butler who is wanted for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and two counts of battery. Butler is a black male, 5'7" tall, and weighs 150 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and tattoos on his right and left arms. His date of birth is July 20, 1976. His last known

address was 824 Padgett Circle, Pahokee. His occupation is unknown. Butler's warrant was active as of September 11, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Lawrence Butler, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



## Galveston hurricane claimed 6,000 lives

Isaac Cline has always been one of my personal heroes because of what he did 100 years ago this week. Cline was a meteorologist stationed at Galveston, Texas when one of the strongest hurricanes ever to strike the United States came onshore on September 8, 1900. The storm, claimed at least 6,000 lives, making it the deadliest hurricane in U.S. history.

Yet, that death toll could have been much higher if not for the efforts of Isaac Cline. According to weather historian David Ludlum, Cline personally is credited for saving "several thousand lives."

In The American Weather Book (Houghton Mifflin Company 1982), Ludlum writes that Cline recognized immediately that a "storm wave of dangerous proportions" was heading toward Galveston. Ludlum says the signs were obvious to Isaac Cline: the wind was coming from the north but the tide was coming to rise. Cline telegraphed the central forecast office in Washington saying "such high water with opposing tides never observed previously."

What Cline did next is the stuff of legend. "In the absence of any civil defense organization," Ludlum writes "Cline took it upon himself to play the role of meteorological Cassandra and rode up and down the beaches on horseback warning people of the impending danger."

It's a wonderful story. There was a modern day Paul Revere warning residents that a storm of unimaginable power was headed their way. Too bad it's not true. As it turns out, Cline under-



Mike Lyons

estimated the strength of the storm, never took to horseback and never warned anyone. That surprising revision of history is contained in Eric Larson's wonderful book, Isaac's Storm: A man, a time and the deadliest hurricane in history (Crown Publishing).

Now in paperback, Isaac's Storm is a detailed and often riveting account of the great hurricane, the people of Galveston, the early days of the National Weather Service and of my hero Isaac Cline. Ludlum's account of Cline's actions was based on a book Cline wrote several years after the disaster. Since Isaac was one of the great survivors of the great storm there weren't many people around to dispute his story. Apparently, he decided to embrace it.

Through meticulous research, Larson discovered what really happened on September 8, 1900. According to Larson,

Cline woefully miscalculated the strength of the storm, at least in part because his superiors kept him in the dark.

Because of professional jealousy within the Weather Bureau, an ongoing fight with Cuban meteorologists and bureaucratic red tape, Isaac was never told of a hurricane sweeping south of Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico. Had he known, Isaac might have determined that that same hurricane was heading toward Galveston.

Still, he never would have predicted the intensity of the storm. This was a time when the National Weather Service's record for weather forecasting was very poor (most people thought astrologers were more accurate), a time when forecasters were forbidden to even use the term "hurricane."

Larson discovered that Isaac never took that horse back ride on the beach. Instead, Isaac returned to his home believing it would stand up to the storm. It didn't. Along with just about every structure on the island, Isaac's house, filled with dozens of people seeking refuge from the hurricane, was destroyed.

Isaac lost his wife and most of his family in the hurricane. Because of the storm, Isaac spent the rest of his life studying tropical cyclones, becoming the foremost hurricane expert of his time.

Still, 100 years ago this week, Isaac Cline was not a hero in Galveston. He was just a man, a man who survived the deadliest hurricane in our history.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist for WPBF-TV

**Crane certified for family practice**

Dr. Lydia (Orduna) Crane, daughter of Dr. & M. M. Caesar Orduna, has been notified that she is now Board Certified in Family Practice. She scored in the top 20 percent of applicants.

A graduate of Glades Day School, Florida State University and the University of Florida School of Medicine, Dr. Crane is now practicing Family Practice Medicine in Milbourn.

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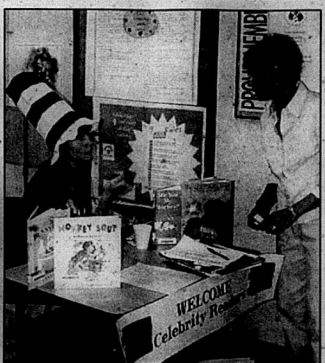
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## WELCOME CELEBRITY READERS



Celebrity readers came out in large numbers to read to the students at local schools during Literacy Week. Shown is Debbie Battles (on right), reading to students in Donna McClanahan's K-3 gifted class at Belle Glade Elementary. Ms. McClanahan was dressed in costume for the occasion.



Teacher Nancy Hainley (wearing the hat), directs Heidi White to a room where she will be reading to students at Belle Glade Elementary during Literacy Day on Friday, Sept. 8.

## GLADE VIEW THANKS BELLE SOUTH



Glade View Elementary would like to thank Bell South Pioneers Palm Beach Council for their donation of school supplies. The Pioneers asked the employees of Bell South to donate the money for school supplies and fortunately, Glade View Elementary was one of the three schools that received a donation. Pictured from left to right are three of Glade View's Elementary bright and thankful students who received some of the donated supplies. Kiana McGrew (1st grade), Clarinesha Young (5th grade), and Willie Jackson (4th grade). Thank You Bell South Pioneers for your support.

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE READING EASIER



Glades Central varsity football players Ali Samara (52) and Jean Similien (44) were among six from their team who read to students at Gove Elementary Friday. Head football Coach Guillermo Bueno said the players volunteered to participate in the reading program to encourage the children to enjoy reading. "It's not enough to be a great player. You have to be a great student," Coach Bueno said. Also reading were Garland Heath, John Miller, Santonio Holmes and Al Royal, not pictured.

## Glades schools to 'Ride for Literacy'

By Tracy Whirls

Students at two Glades area elementary schools will have the opportunity to earn a bicycle by earning good grades on their report cards this fall.

The "Ride for Literacy" program, spear-headed by Area 4 resource teacher Linda Fisk and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Community Policing unit will give students at Glade View Elementary in Belle Glade and Rosewald Elementary in South Bay the opportunity to reach for a goal in their lives," said Ms. Fisk.

PBCSO Deputy Carol Verdigi and the other community policing officers have agreed to procure approximately 300 bicycles and helmets that third and fourth graders at the two schools will have an opportunity to earn by earning good marks on their report cards.

According to Ms. Fisk, students will receive points for report card academic grades and behavioral grades. Each grade is weighted. Negative grades or behavioral referrals will bring serious deductions from the student's overall point score.

"The purpose of this program is to raise student achievement and increase positive behavioral practices," Ms. Fisk said. "By using report card grades the qualifying process will remain objective and consistent."

Each of the students' grades are worth points, with an A worth 100 points, a B, 25 points and an F earning a deduction of 100 points. The program kicked off with events at each school Sept. 15 and will culminate with a Bicycle Rodeo and awards ceremony Dec. 16. Each student who earns 1,000 points will earn a bicycle and helmet and a ticket to the award ceremony. Students and their parents were asked to sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the program.

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## GLADE VIEW ELEMENTARY WELCOMES HEALTH CARE DISTRICT



The staff and parents of the Glade View Elementary family would like to welcome and thank the Health Care District for their sponsorship. With the help of the Health Care District, free school supplies and donated money for school uniforms was given to Glade View's parents and students. We at Glade View would like to send a big "thank you" to the Seth Bernstein, Director of the Health Care District, and his staff.

### Thank You

Thanks very much for all the prayers, letters, cards and flowers. Also, to all the friends that were there when we needed them, during the illness and death of my son, George Mathis. May God Bless You All!

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# LIFE BUILDERS VICTORY CHEER



Life Builders Softball team again won the Division A title for Men's Softball this past summer. The team record was 24-1, with a team batting average of .842 and 90 home runs for the season. Fred Hager led the league with a .857 batting average. Kip Peaham led the league with 20 home runs. Jesus Riferia was "Man of the Year" for the Life Builders Softball Team. The team stresses for its players to become better fathers and husbands within their families. Because of the high demand from men wanting to play with the team, they are planning 20 Division A teams next year.

Submitted photo

## New study offers hope to sufferers of chronic major depression

We all feel depressed at some point in our lives, troubled with symptoms such as persistent sadness, feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness, sleep disturbances, fatigue, change in appetite, or loss of interest in ordinary activities. If your symptoms persist for two years or more, you may be suffering from chronic major depression. Chronic major depression is a serious form of depression

affecting 14 million Americans. Until now, those suffering from this disorder were often treated to respond poorly to treatment. However, a study recently published in The New England Journal of Medicine offers hope for the millions suffering from this debilitating disorder.

In this study, a combination therapy of the antidepressant Serzone® (nefazodone HCl), and

psychotherapy designed specifically for chronic major depression provided the best results. In fact, patients in the study, all of whom had chronic major depression, had an unprecedented 85 percent response rate in this combination therapy. This is the highest response rate ever seen in the treatment of depression for a three-month period. The use of Serzone alone led to a 55 percent response

## Wesleyan Community celebrates its 23rd anniversary

On Sunday, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m., a service was held at the Wesleyan Community Holiness Church commemorating the church's 23rd anniversary. The historical overview was given by the host pastor, the Reverend Clifford C. Dantes. The occasion was well attended. The pastors and congregation of the Family Day Union Association were given special invitation.

Those in attendance were: Bishop Noel McFarlane, Church of God of Prophecy; Elder Lee Humphrey, Youth Crusade Pentecostal Church and Superintendent Charles C. Derico, First Born Church of the Living God; all of Belle Glade. Some of the pastors who were not present were represented by members of their congregation. A circular plaque with the inscription "Families uniting for a better community" and symbolic praying hands in the center, was given to the pastors in attendance.

Reverend Davis is also the president of the Family Day Union Association. For more information about this union call (561) 966-7703.

## Blanchard-Menendez

Mr. and Mrs. Augusto M. Blanchard of Belle Glade would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lourdes Margarita to Diego L. Menendez Jr., son of Margarita LaTimer of Miami and Diego L. Menendez Sr. of New Orleans.

Luly graduated from Glades Day School in 1983. She also graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in pharmacy in 1989. She currently resides in Miami and works for SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals as a Medical Liaison.

Diego graduated from Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, La. in 1986. He also graduated with a B.A. in sociology from the University of New Orleans in 1992 and received a masters degree in social work and clinical mental health from the University of Maryland in 1999. He resides in Miami and is employed by Berlex Laboratories as a Therapeutic Sales Consultant.

The wedding will be held Nov. 4, 2000 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Coral Gables.



Diego L. Menendez, Jr. and Lourdes Margarita Blanchard

## Department of Insurance offers lifelong care guide

The Florida Department of Insurance has published a new care guide, "Options For Lifelong Care," to help consumers make decisions regarding long-term care.

"The old adage says there are but two certainties in life: death and taxes," Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson said. "But it's also certain that every day we live we're another day older. And it's a good idea to start planning now for what we may need in our later years."

An important consideration is the possible need for extensive health care, and today there are many options. The new consumer guide offers two of them: term care insurance and continuing care retirement communities.

Long term insurance, sold by private insurance companies, provides benefits for a range of health care services not covered by regular health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. CCRCs are retirement facilities that furnish housing and various levels of health care for a fee.

The guide contains information about standard provisions of a long-term care policy, types of policies, and factors to consider when choosing a policy. It also outlines the rights as well as the responsibilities of a policy holder and offers tips and advice on how to select an insurance agent and company.

A separate section addresses how to choose a CCRC, stressing the importance of considering the condition of a prospective facility as well as the health care options and management style.

For more info, call 1-800-342-2762

## Obituaries

### Maria D. Rodriguez

Maria D. Rodriguez, 68, of Pahokee, died Wednesday Sept. 6, 2000 in the Hospice of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach.

A native of Mexico she was born on May 6, 1932, daughter of the late Bravilio and Gabina Lopez Lemus. She had been a resident of the Glades for 35 years since moving her from Texas. She was a member of the Good Shepherd Church of God.

Surviving are: her husband, Pablo Rodriguez of Pahokee; sons, Raul Rodriguez, Ramon Rodriguez, Ramiro Rodriguez, Pablo Rodriguez Jr., all of Pahokee and Julian Rodriguez of West Palm Beach; daughters, Mary Elizabeth Bernal of Pahokee, Thelma Munoz, Rosariz, Gonzalez, Norma Rodriguez, all of Pahokee and Paula Mata of Okaloosa; brothers, Arthur, Lemus of Houston, Texas and Odilon Lemus of California; 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday morning (Sept. 9) at 11 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Church of God. The Rev. Raul Rodriguez officiated. Interment was in Port Mayaca Memorial Church.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

### Roosevelt Steven Sanchez

Roosevelt Steven Sanchez, 24, of Belle Glade died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 following a motorcycle accident in West Palm Beach. Mr. Sanchez was born Sept. 4, 1975 in Santo Domingo and had moved to the Glades in the early 1980s. He was employed in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Sanchez is survived by his infant daughter, Skylar Sanchez of West Palm Beach; his fiancée, Dalky Valdez of West Palm Beach; father and stepmother, Juan and Rosa Sanchez of Belle Glade; mother, Mireya Peguero of Santo Domingo; brothers, Robinson Sanchez, Robert Sanchez, Richard Sanchez, Teodora Osegueda and Justino Osegueda and sisters Virginia Sanchez and Cristian Osegueda.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 4, 2000 from 7-11 p.m. in the chapel of Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home in Belle Glade. Father Luis Alonzo, St. Phillip Benizi Catholic Church officiated. Mr. Sanchez was then buried in the Dominican Republic for burial. Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Constanco Benitez Jr.

Constancio Benitez Jr., infant son of Constanco and Raquel Benitez died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 at Glades General Hospital.

### Survivors include a brother,

Andres Azis Rodriguez and sister, Raquelene, Elena Benitez, both of Belle Glade; paternal grandparents, Jose & Elena Benitez of Belle Glade; maternal grandparents, Damacio & Francisca Rodriguez of South Bay.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000 at St. Phillip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade with Father Luis Alonzo officiating. Interment followed at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Royal Palm Beach.

### Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade, Florida.

### Madeline Irene Hunter

Madeline Irene Hunter, infant daughter of Kate V. Hunter of Belle Glade died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000 at Palms West Hospital.

Survivors include maternal grandmother, Melinda H. Dees of Belle Glade; paternal grandmother, Mary P. Hunter of Sneads, and maternal grandmother, Katie M. Gurr of Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000 at Foreverglades Cemetery with Rev. Curtis L. Pace officiating. Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade, Florida.

### Doris Mary Wilson

Doris Mary Wilson, 91, a homemaker, died Monday morning, Aug. 28, 2000, in Mount Dora.

She was a member of the First

### United Methodist Church in Pahokee.

Surviving are son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Evelyn Wilson of Lady Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Jean W. and Milton Salvatore Sr. of Ocala; daughter and son-in-law, Loreta W. and Frank Gillis of Leesburg; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000 at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Florida United Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 6299, Deltona, Florida 32728.

Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Home of Eustis was in charge of arrangements.



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## Glades Central's winning streak continues



Making touchdowns for the Raiders during Friday's game against Pope John Paul were, left to right, running back Michael Brown (8), defensive back Albert Dowdell (21), running back Bill Graham (28), receiver Santonio Holmes (2) and, not pictured, running back Mario Fraser (29). Photos by Adrian "Big A" Vereen.

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Glades Central Raiders' winning streak seems it will run into the third millennium after the performance the team has demonstrated recently.

The Raiders' 1-0 record this season was improved upon by one more win last Friday night against Pope John Paul. The Raiders won the game on their own turf with a final score of 46-

0.

"Right now we're playing pretty good; hopefully, we'll keep getting better every week," said Head Coach Willie Bueno of his football team.

The entire team played well against Pope John Paul Friday night. RB Mario Fraser #29 was the key player of the game with 135 total yards and two touchdowns. Fraser's Raider teammate, RB/LB Michael Brown #8 wasn't left too far behind as he

also scored two touchdowns. "We really played well overall," said Coach Bueno.

"Next week we play at Clewiston. They've got a very, very good team offensive, defensive," said Coach Bueno.

The Raiders beat Clewiston the last time they faced each other 16-0.

"We're just going to have to be able to run the ball more and no turnovers," said Coach Bueno when asked about his strategies



Big 'A's' Offensive Players of the Week for Glades Central are, left to right, Kelvin Hyman (76), Demarcus Brown (64), John Miller (66), Tyrone Barrett (57) and Ali Samara (52).

## THREE DOWN!



Glades Central's Booster Club is all smiles as they hold up three fingers to indicate the Raiders have won their first three football games of the season. The Booster Club is also happy because they will be sponsoring a "Half-time Kick-off" to raise money for the team. The fund raiser is sponsored by The Sun newspaper and will allow the Booster Club to sell tickets for \$1 on a chance for two winners to kick a goal during half time. If a kicker makes the goal, they will be awarded a \$50 savings bond, courtesy of The Sun.

## Glades Day's' record is now 1-1

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Day Gators balanced out their win-loss record after managing a win Friday night against St. Edwards. The Gators' record now stands at 1-1.

The team achieved its first victory here in Belle Glade by way of a shutout. The Gators easily chewed up visiting St. Edwards 22-0 after establishing their offensive run at the beginning of the game and carrying through with the same tenacity for all four quarters.

Brannan Thomas, #15 TB/DB and Eric Molares, #11 FB/LB were two of the players who helped propel the team to their win. Brannan Thomas had 180 yards rushing with 16 carries and 2 touchdowns while Eric played his part by accomplishing 4 sacks and 8 tackles. The Gators held St. Edwards to 6 yards rushing,

18 yards passing for a total of 15 yards offense.

Head Coach Dobson said that, while the team is doing well, they still have a ways to go before they can just sit down and rest. "The offensive line is doing a decent job. We're not there yet, but we're getting better," said Coach Dobson.

The Gators' next challenge will be on Sept. 15 against Pompano Beach. Though the Gators will possess the home-field advantage, they will have to play their best against Pompano Beach on Friday if they want to win.

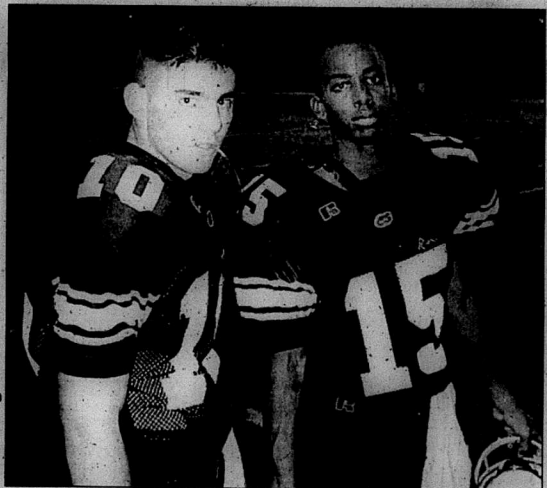
Pompano Beach presents a little problem. They have far more speed than we've seen and their quarterback runs as well as he throws," said Coach Dobson. "We beat them 49-0 last year at Pompano Beach, but they were really young. Last year the team was mostly

sophomores and juniors, but this year they're all seniors and juniors."

The coach expects his quarterback, Kyle McNamara #10, to step up his play and his defense to continue to do the job they've been doing until now to keep up the wins. Brandon McMillan will also be returning on special teams after recovering from injuries. Brandon was sidelined during the first two football games of the season.

After being asked what his team could do to gain the win Friday night, Coach Dobson responded, "We're going to have to play together as a team, hard every game. When the players start believing in each other, we'll get more wins."

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Gators' football field.



From left to right, Coach Dobson is looking for #10 Kyle McNamara, QB/DB, to step up his play and his defense to help the team win, and #15 Brannan Thomas, TB/DB, to continue playing as he did on Friday where he completed 180 yards rushing with 16 carries and 2 touchdowns.



The Glades Day Cheerleading squad was on hand at Friday's game to cheer on their team and help rally the Gators to victory. From left to right, cheerleaders Lauren Sweet, Jenn Malandro and Shannon Davis.



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Player	Wins	Losses
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Mike Burkett	17	3
Randy Gay	16	4
Rick Gold	16	4
Billy Rimes	16	4
Adrian "Big A" Vereen	15	5

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Pahokee vs. Suncoast

Glades Day vs. Pompano Beach

Glades Central vs. Clewiston

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